

Frederick County Delegation meeting
Minutes
Friday, January 17, 2014
9am – 10:30am

Members in Attendance: Senators Young & Brinkley
Delegates Hogan, Hough, Clagett, Afzali, Elliott & Schulz

Also Present: Joan Aquilino, Chair's Staff; Ali Keane, Hogan's Staff; Eric Schmitz, Afzali's staff; Ragen Cherney, Fred. County; Katherine Parris & Jeanette Ortiz, Greenwill Consulting; John Fieseler, FCTourism Council; Colby Ferguson, MD Farm Bureau, John Favazza & Nick Manis, Manis Canning; Bethany Rodgers, FNP reporter; Dawn White, WHAG reporter; Blaine Young, FC President of the BOCC; John Mathais, FC Attorney

Senator Brinkley called the meeting to order, and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions were made of all guests in attendance

Delegation staff provided the members with minutes for review from 2/22/13 which had not been submitted during the previous session.

Young moved to approve

Clagett seconded the motion

Approved: Unanimously, with no discussion or amendments

Election of Delegation Chair and Vice Chair

Elliott nominated Schulz

Hogan seconded

Hough nominated Hogan

Afzali seconded

There were no further nominations

Approved: Unanimously

Positions were taken immediately by the new Chairman and Vice Chairman to proceed with the remainder of the meeting.

Chairman Schulz said she will send out the drafted delegation bills to all members via email for review and discussion prior to next week's meeting. They will also be included in each member binder.

Frederick County Legislation

1. Removal/Modification of Mandatory Stormwater Management Fee

Afzali moved to proceed as drafted

Hough seconded the motion

There was some discussion regarding the feasibility of the delegation being successful in their efforts.

Commissioner Young expressed the desire of the BoCC to continue the discussion on their behalf in Annapolis.

Approval: 7

Opposed: 0

Abstained 1 (Young)

2. Amendments to the Annotated Code of Maryland Pertaining to Charter Government Transition

Hogan moved for a favorable approval

Clagett seconded the motion

Discussion: Andy Lantner discussed the intent to have all language changes to suit the new incoming government for of Charter for Frederick County. He is working with the Frederick County Attorney, John Mathias to accomplish this goal.

Approval – Unanimous

3. Authority to Allow Payment of Wages with a Debit Card

Afzali made a motion for approval

Brinkley seconded

Discussion by Young & Schulz about the intent of whether the language reflected if there would still be the option of debit and direct deposit. Young was concerned with the language giving the county authority to mandate debit only and wanted removal of that language.

Brinkley suggested removal of lines 12, 13 & 14

The intent is also that paper checks will no longer be produced

No final vote was taken pending new language

Andy Lantner will rework the language and bring back to the Delegation

4. Salary Adjustments

a. Frederick County Sheriff

Brinkley moved to amend the bill as drafted to strike language attaching it to the State Police salary and insert a flat rate of \$125,000

Elliott seconded the motion

Approval: 7

Opposed: 2 (Hough & Afzali)

Discussion:

Hough would like to vote for the bill without the amendments.
Afzali stated for the record that she has consistently voted against pay increases and would be opposing this bill
Clagett made a motion for approval as amended
Young seconded
Approval: 7
Opposed: 1 (Afzali)

b. Judges of the Orphans Court

Brinkley made a motion to move favorable
Young 2nd
Discussion:
Hough, Schulz and Young expressed concern about the large increase in salary increase and how the pay compares to other jurisdictions.
Clagett expressed his opinion that the pay increase was suitable for the job that was being performed and that he had spoken to members of the Orphans Court about the justification for the increase.
Brinkley made a motion to amend the drafted bill to reflect \$12,000 Per Orphan Judge and \$13,000 for the Chief Orphan Judge
Clagett seconded
Approval: 4 (Brinkley, Young, Elliott & Clagett)
Opposed: 4 (Schulz, Hogan, Afzali & Hough)
Failed for lack of a majority

Hough made a motion to hold until next week
Hogan seconded
Approval: 7
Opposed: 1 (Galen)

5. Comments by Commissioner Blaine Young

Commissioner Young provided discussion on the Monrovia Town Center meetings and will send further information to the delegation
He also discussed a relationship between the City of Frederick, County and the Religious Coalition for a year round shelter
He thanked the Delegation for their part in the Rosemont Water situation

6. Modification to Frederick County Hotel/Motel Tax for Tourism

John Feisler gave the Delegation a presentation on the benefits of the proposed legislation. Mr. Feisler stated that there would be little if no impact on Frederick County residents.
Brinkley moved to approve
Young seconded
Approval: 5
Opposed: 2 (Afzali & Hough)

Old Business:

- Schulz, Invitation was sent out by Brinkley's office to the Liquor Board to attend Friday January 24th meeting to discuss liquor issues
- Schulz, Review of organization fund raiser discussion for next meeting
- Schulz, Flying Dog issue, discussing/mediating with Liquor Board, Comptroller's Office may avoid the need for a bill
- Brinkley, will talk to Liquor Board and Tom Seymour about the Cruvinet system

New Business:

- Afzali, suggestion for future Delegation meetings
 1. Person on the Committee should present Delegation bill
 2. Get agenda at least 1 day in advance
 3. Requested all delegation bills be sent to office
- Brinkley, State Police concerns as to why cut backs are being made. State Police may be in contact with Del. Schulz to attend Delegation meeting for explanations.
- Young, rundown on Bond Bill requests that he's aware of
 1. Barbara Fritchie House 90,000.
 2. Unified Adult Daycare 180,000
 3. T.J. field money
 4. Cultural Arts Center/Ausherman 250,000
 5. Culver Lakes 250,000
- Schulz will set up a Delegation meeting with the Catholic Conference

Adjournment: Clagett / Hogan motion to adjourn @ 10:30

Minutes approved: January 24, 2014